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HORN OF AFRICA

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1. I DELIVERED THE PRESIDENT'S LETTERS TO TITO ON MIDDLE
EAST AND HORN OF AFRICA TO FONSEC MINIC THIS MORNING. HE
ASSURED ME THAT THEY WOULD BE FORWARDED TO TITO IMMEDIATELY.
AT SAME TIME I CONVEYED ORALLY TO MINIC THE SUPPLEMENTARY
COMMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST PROVIDED REF C, AS WELL AS INFO ON
SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITIES IN RED SEA AREA PROVIDED PARA 3,
REF A, AND MADE POINTS ON HORN OF AFRICA LISTED REF B.

2. MINIC OFFERED SEPARATE, BRIEF RESPONSE FOLLOWING MY
PRESENTATION ON EACH SUBJECT:
MIDDLE EAST:
--ADDRESSING ISSUE OF WHETHER PLO NEEDS TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL
FIRST OR VICE VERSA, MINIC SAID ARAFAT'S RELUCTANT ACCEPTANCE
OF ISRAEL'S CONTINUED EXISTENCE IS NO LONGER IN QUESTION,
BUT PRESSURE OF HARDLINERS IN HIS ORGANIZATION RENDERS
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NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE HIS MAKING THE FIRST MOVE;
-- REFERRING TO TITO'S JAN 30 STATEMENT ON NEED FOR ALL
PARTIES TO ACCEPT "ISRAEL AS A REALITY" (REF D), MINIC
SIDESTEPED IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE HERETOFORE IN GOY'S
PUBLIC VS PRIVATE POSITION ON THE ISSUE AND CLAIMED,
"IT'S NOT A NEW THING";
--GOY "STILL DOESN'T SEE" CURRENT INITIATIVES AS

LIKELY TO SUCCEED IN ACHIEVING LASTING ME PEACE.

HORN OF AFRICA:

--TITO "WILL CERTAINLY REPLY" TO THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER
ON THE HORN.

--GOY HAS LONG COUNSELED EPMG ON NEED TO GRANT SUBSTANTIAL
AUTONOMY TO ERITREANS AS ONLY MEANS OF PEACEFULLY RESOLVING
DISPUTE. SUCH COUNSEL HAS "GREATLY DISTURBED" ETHIOPIANS;

3. MINIC'S REMARKS ON THE HORN WERE CUT SHORT BY IMMINENT
ARRIVAL AT FSFA OF VISITING EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF
STATE BUTROS GHALI. BUT TONE OF HIS BRIEF STATEMENT OF
YUGOSLAV EFFORTS TO PUSH ERITERAN AUTONOMY WAS ONE
OF CLEAR EXASPERATION WITH EPMG. NEVERTHELESS, HE
REPEATEDLY ASSURED ME THAT THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND
SUGGESTIONS ON THE HORN WOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED.
HE ALSO INFORMED ME THAT ETHIOPIAN FONMIN FELLEKE'S VISIT
TO YUGOSLAVIA HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH.

4. TO MY REMARK THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTERS
CONSTITUTE YET ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION TO OUR SUCCESSFULLY
DEVELOPING BILATERAL DIALOGUE, MINIC ANIMATEDLY
EXPRESSED HIS AGREEMENT. (INDEED, IN A FOREIGN POLICY
ADDRESS TO THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY, BEING
REPORTED SEPTEL, MINIC QUITE WARMLY ADDRESSED THE "OBVIOUS
PROGRESS" IN US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS DURING THE PAST
YEAR.)

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